

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, dated May 25, 2004, the Examiner states that Claims 3-16 are pending, Claims 3-13 are rejected and Claims 14-16 are allowed. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 3, 4, 9 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 4,768,955 (Hirdes). Claims 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirdes in view of US 3,890,713 (Nielson). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirdes in view of US 5,007,837 Werly. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirdes in view of US 3,809,977 (Balamuth et al.). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirdes in view of US 5,839,895 (Fishburne, Jr.). The Applicant considers these rejections overcome by the amendment of the claims. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding Claims 14-16 to be allowable.

Independent Claim 14 indicates that the synthetic resin is injected into a cavity of a tooth while subjecting the resin to sound. The Applicant has amended independent Claims 3 and 9 to clarify that the sound generator sets the nozzle in oscillation while the compound is conveyed from the supply container to the nozzle. None of the cited prior art references disclose this important feature.

The Applicant is also submitting, separate from this amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The Applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of the IDS be returned with the next office communication.

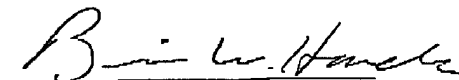
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In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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